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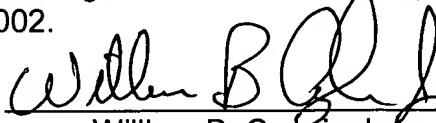
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APPLICANT: Leo A. Whiteside
SERIAL NO.: 09/595,352
FILED: June 15, 2000
EXAMINER: Bruce E. Snow
DOCKET NO.: WBC 7403US
GROUP ART UNIT: 3738
FOR: Acetabular Component With
Improved Liner Seal and Lock

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**AMENDEMENT C UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116 AFTER FINAL REJECTION
IN RESPONSE TO THE EXAMINER'S ACTION MAILED MAY 21, 2002**

Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's action mailed May 21, 2002.
Applicant submits herewith a petition for a one (1) month extension of time, along
with the requisite fee. Claims 10 - 13 are pending in the application.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

10. A prosthesis comprising:

a shell having at least one screw hole formed therein and a smooth inner sealing

surface.